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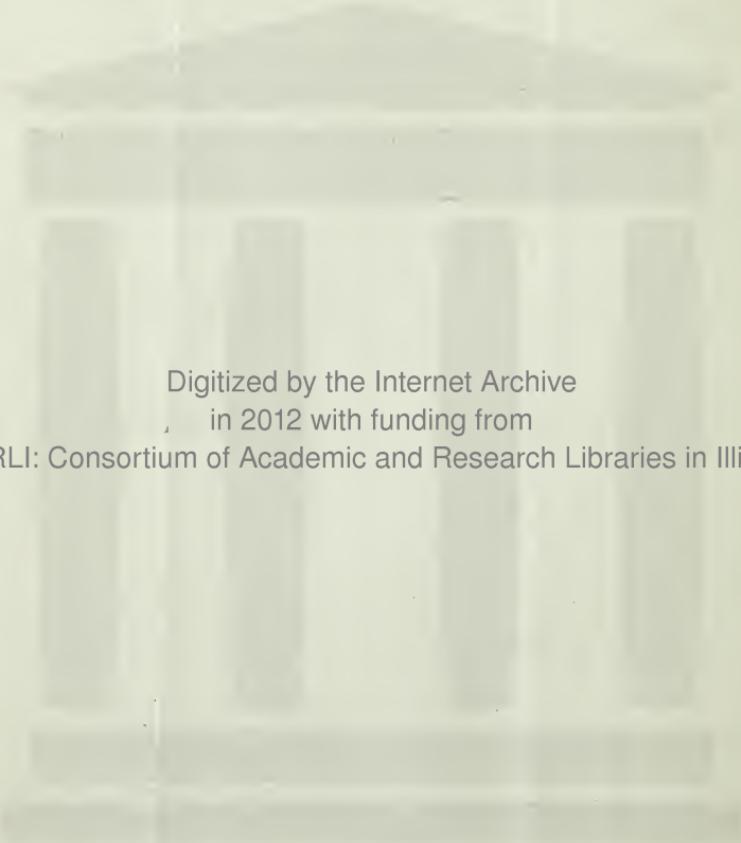
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DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.

The object of this institution is to furnish the sick poor with medical attendance and medicine, gratuitously.

To diffuse vaccination by unwearyed and continuous effort, and to accomplish this work in the most faithful manner, and at the least possible expense.

MEANS OF SUPPORT.

The Dispensary is supported by the income from a fund of ten thousand dollars, invested in safe securities, and by voluntary contributions.

Donations received by Dr. Philip Adolphus, Financial Superintendent, No. 638 West Washington Street.

INVITATION TO VISITORS.

All who desire to obtain personal knowledge of the necessity of such an institution, its practical benefit to the sick poor, and its claims on the liberality of our citizens, are invited to visit the Dispensary and judge for themselves.

LOCATION.

The Dispensary is located at No. 239 West Van Buren Street, between Sangamon and Peoria.

OFFICE HOURS—9 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5 P. M., daily, excepting Sundays.

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OF WEST CHICAGO.

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REPORT.

The report of 1873 announced the union of the Herrick with the Central Dispensary, and the merging of the two medical staffs into one. Under the new regime, the work has proved most satisfactory to all connected with the Dispensary, and has resulted in a wider usefulness for the institution. More and better work has been done than in any previous year, and greater benefits have been extended to the sick poor throughout the West Division of the city.

The whole aim of the staff has been to perform the duties of the Dispensary, according to the spirit of the organization, viz: To furnish medical services, with medicines, gratuitously, to the sick and destitute poor of West Chicago, and to them alone; taking due precaution to prevent imposture, but in doubtful cases giving the applicant the benefit of the doubt. Those able to come to the Dispensary are treated in its rooms, and all others are promptly and faithfully attended at their homes, by the visiting physicians.

With such attention always freely granted for the merest asking, many are saved from protracted illness, and made able to gain a livelihood, who, with large families often, must otherwise become burdens upon the public expense.

Not the least among the benefits of the Dispensary are those of vaccination, which is made an object of special duty; and as access is had to the very class of people in whom it is most likely to be neglected, and among whom small-pox is proverbially prevalent, it is believed no small influence is exerted in prevention of this disease.

In the financial management, the most rigid economy is practiced in every particular: no expenses are incurred for objects not vital to the institution. The services of the staff are gratuitous, it being a rule of the Dispensary that under no circumstances shall any fee be accepted for any professional labor.

Yet the successful operation of such an institution must necessarily be attended by a large expense. The income from the endowments of

the Dispensary is insufficient for its support, without curtailing the amount of good it accomplishes. Hence, it becomes necessary to ask contributions from the public; this the friends of the work are always emboldened to do, conscious of the beneficent character, as well as the measure of the labor they perform, and being ever ready to account to the donors and to the public, for the correct use of every gift.

Statement of Dispensary Work, during the
year ending June 30, 1874.

Total No. of Patients,	11,733
No. of Visits at Dispensary.....	13,555
No. of Visits at Homes of Patients,.....	3,293
No. of Prescriptions Prepared,.....	10,521
No. of Vaccinations Performed,.....	1,303
No. of Re-Vaccinations, "	2,110
No. of Certificates of Vaccination given,.....	3,373
No. sent to County Hospital,.....	316
No. sent to County House,.....	69
No. of Births,.....	5
No. of Deaths.....	11

DISEASES TREATED.

BY THE PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1874.

Variola.....	15	Lumbricoides	28
Measles.....	24	Tape Worm.....	3
Chicken Pox.....	12	Pediculi	12
Scarlatina.....	17	Gout.....	1
Diphtheria.....	2	Lumbago.....	10
Croup.....	8	Rheumatism, acute.....	102
Tonsillitis.....	53	“ chronic.....	158
Mumps.....	6	Dropsey, general.....	12
Irritative Fever.....	124	Ascites.....	2
Whooping-Cough.....	81	Anasarca.....	16
Typhoid Fever.....	19	Cancer.....	7
Erysipelas.....	88	“ mesentery.....	1
Erythema.....	4	“ bowels.....	3
Carbuncle.....	5	“ stomach.....	2
Boils.....	6	Anæmia.....	62
Dysentery, acute.....	43	Scrofula.....	15
Diarrhoea, acute.....	129	Adenitis.....	13
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	3	Tuberculosis	6
Cholera Morbus.....	17	Tabes Mesenterica.....	1
Cholera Infantum.....	21	Pott's Disease.....	10
Intermittent Fever.....	192	Goitre.....	3
Remittent Fever.....	35	Phthisis Pulmonalis	104
Syphilis, primary.....	26	Softening of the Brain.....	1
“ secondary.....	31	Concussion “ “	1
“ tertiary.....	12	Congestion “ “	6
Condylomata.....	1	Inflammation “	2
Bubo.....	2	Apoplexy	1
Balanitis.....	3	Paraplegia.....	20
Gonorrhœa.....	24	Hemiplegia.....	3
Gleet.....	22	Meningitis.....	2
Stricture Urethra.....	6	Progressive Locomotor Ataxia	3
Bronchocele	3	Sunstroke.....	3
Purpura.....	1	Aphasia.....	1
Scurvy.....	1	Vertigo.....	14
Delirium Tremens.....	5	Insomnia	50
Intemperance.....	14	Cephalgia.....	31
Scabies.....	20	Hypochondriasis.....	34

Hemicrania.....	14	Hernia, femoral	1
Melancholia.....	21	“ scrotal.....	3
Insanity.....	1	Colic.....	5
Chorea.....	7	Constipation.....	156
Mania.....	3	Fistula in Ano.....	5
Epilepsy.....	16	Prolapsus Ani.....	2
Convulsions.....	8	Jaundice.....	7
Hysteria.....	27	Hæmorrhoids.....	30
Neuralgia.....	92	Diabetes.....	1
Pleurodynia.....	14	Bright's Disease	3
Gastrodynia.....	1	Pyelitis.....	1
Bromidrosis.....	1	Nephritic Colic.....	3
Opium Eating.....	2	Gravel.....	1
Seminal Weakness.....	13	Enuresis.....	6
Sciatica.....	12	Bladder, irritable.....	4
Pericarditis	16	Urine, retention of.....	5
Aneurism of the Aorta.....	4	Cystitis.....	7
Hypertrophy of Heart.....	6	Orchitis.....	8
Angina Pectoris	5	Varicocele.....	4
Syncope	2	Hydrocele.....	7
Valvular Disease of Heart..	32	Morbid Change of Life.....	5
Varicose Veins.....	14	Morbid pregnancy.....	38
Laryngitis.....	24	Vomiting of Pregnancy.....	12
Bronchitis, acute.....	163	Eclampsia.....	1
“ chronic.....	281	Albuminuria during P'gney	1
Pleurisy.....	30	Puerperal Fever.....	5
Hæmoptysis.....	3	Fissure Nipple.....	1
Epistaxis	11	Galactocele.....	1
Tracheitis.....	8	Cancer Breast.....	1
Pleuro-Pneumonia.....	50	Uterine Fibroids.....	5
Asthma.....	69	Mammary Tumors	1
Emphysema.....	9	“ Abscess	8
Tongue Tie.....	2	Ovarian Tumors	3
Stomatitis.....	38	Abscess Vulva.....	3
Decayed Teeth (extraction)	48	Abortions.....	11
Pharyngitis.....	36	Pruritus Pudendi.....	2
Morbid Dentition.....	98	Cellulitis.....	3
Dyspepsia.....	243	Haematocele	1
Gastric Catarrh.....	19	Ovaritis	3
Gastritis Chronic.....	8	Perimetritis.....	1
Enteritis.....	1	Dysmenorrhœa; mechanical	
Peritonitis.....	1	nervous, congestive and	
Hepatitis.....	3	inflammatory.....	19
Cirrhosis	2	Uterine Diseases: Areolar-	
Hernia, inguinal.....	17	Hyperplasia, Endometri-	

tis, Endocervicitis, Pro-	
lapsus, Versions, Flex-	
ions, Subinvolutions,	
Superinvolutions and their	
Complications	250
Synovitis of Knee Joint ..	3
Inflammation .. Chronic.	2
Necrosis, jaw	4
" tibia.....	5
" femur.....	1
" frontal bone.....	1
Periostitis.....	2
Abscess (not enumerated)..	50
" liver.....	2
" scalp.....	1
" alveolar.....	1
" jaw	2
Lichen.....	3
Eczema.....	52
" Capitis	13
Herpes	18
" Circinat	1
" Zoster.....	2
Acne.....	9
Pityriasis.....	13
Prurigo	5
Elephantiasis	1
Impetigo	12
Psoriasis	24
Urticaria	7
Whitlow	10
Onychia	12
Wens	2
Warts	15
Ulcers	99
Amputations	1
Diseases of Stumps.....	2
Fractures (not enumerated)	64
" clavicle.....	15
" radius	7
" olecranon	1
" ulna	3
" phalanges.....	1
" rib	1
" femur.....	2
" tibia.....	5
" fibula	1
Fractures, hand	1
Contusions	51
Dislocations not named	4
" hip	1
" shoulder.....	2
" ankle	1
" elbow.....	1
" wrist.....	1
" jaw	1
Wounds, gunshot	3
" incised.....	10
" punctured.....	14
" lacerated.....	34
" scalp.....	2
" knee	2
" lungs.....	1
Bruises	3
Burns and Scalds	27
Frostbite	2
Bite of Dog	4
Tumors	15
Old Age	1
Debility	177
Ozenna	12
Ptosis	1
Blepharitis	7
Conjunctivitis	14
Ophthalmia Strumous ..	15
" Granular.....	10
Trichiasis	1
Pannus	2
Cornea, Ulcers of	14
Keratitis	8
" pustular.....	3
Iritis	3
" traumatic	1
Cataract	7
Glaucoma	2
Globe, Atrophy of	1
Stricture Lachrymal Canal	2
Fistula Lachrymal	1
Cerumen impacted	5
Otorrhœa	7
Otitis	10
Catarrhal Supp of mid. ear.	8
" non " " " ..	7

DONATIONS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1874.

Arend, A.....	\$ 10	Keith, A. B.....	\$ 25
Augustana.....	25	Keith & Co., B.....	66
Blatchford, Mr.....	10	Law, Robert.....	10
Biroth, Henry.....	10	Lipman, A.....	5
Chicago Union Adv't Co..	40	Medlener, F.....	5
Chicago White Lead Co..	5	Missionaeren	25
Collins & Burgie.....	5	Nya Swenska Amerika....	25
De Puy Manufacturing Co.	100	Prairie State Loan & Trust	25
Dale, Wm. M.....	5	Phelan & Co., Jas	15
Dundas, Dick & Co.....	28	Planten & Son.....	16
Enderis, Henry.....	2	Reno & Little.....	10
Evening Journal.....	40	Richards, Shaw & Winslow	5
Evening Post.....	40	Rogers & Co.....	10
Farlin, J. W.....	150	Scandinavian Americk'en..	25
Freie Presse.....	40	Scheffer, E.....	15
Fuller & Fuller.....	10	Staats Zeitung Co	40
Greenebaum & Co., Henry	25	Tilden & Co., Henry.....	125
Groene & Co., L.....	2	Trommer's Ex. of Malt Co.	50
Goodrich, H. C.....	5	Union Park Advocate.....	50
Heath and Milligan.....	5	Walsh, John J.....	25
Henlaadet.....	25	Warner & Co., Wm. R....	62
Hurlbut & Edsall.....	10	West Chicago Advertiser..	25
Inter-Ocean.....	40		

